

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST ON THE LIVESTOCK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE YEAR Bulletin No. 12 of 1927.

I. SHEEP AND WOOL.
STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

a. Number The Sheep flocks on December 31st 1926 numbered 283,945 (6,810,000). These were classified as follows - Ewes 3,605,455 (3,388,828), increase 21,527; Wethers 1,018,941 (1,762,295), increase 250,646; Rams 21,892 (10,595), increase 610; Under 1 year 621,566 (1,177,777), decrease 53. The Government Statist intimates having obtained preliminary returns of the present vintage from a number of the leading vigneron in the State who represent about 70,759 of the total production, and from this source he forecasts that the vintage for 1926-27 will approximate 15,173,000.

Gallons of Wine for Beverage and Distillation.

Last season 13,074,874 Gallons were made of which 7,176,976 Gallons were classed for Distillation. The forecast represents an increase of 2,098,000 Gallons or 16%. The River Murray Districts are estimated to yield 5,958,000 Gallons against 4,272,900 Gallons last year and all other Districts 9,215,000 against 8,502,000 last year.

II. EXPORTS. Exports. For the 11 months ending 31st May, 1927, the exports of Wine to Oversea Countries totalled 1,960,451 Gallons valued at £407,863 compared with 1,099,123 Gallons valued at £185,134 for the similar period for 1926.

III. HORSES. 234,352 (244,111), decrease 9,759. The mortality losses on the far northern stations are given as 4,100.

Statistical Office, 79,108 (90,794), decrease 11,686. Ages - 60,765 (70,930) ADELAIDE, year and 18,343 (19,864) 1 year and over. 15th June, 1927. W. L. JOHNSTON, Government Statist.

IV. ALL OTHER STOCK. Goats - Angora 1,495, Other 4,351. Total 5,846. Camels 4,093. Mules 916. Donkeys 4,272. Ostriches 334.

V. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT BY LAND OF STOCK. The State gained 305,326 Sheep and 52,908 head of Cattle and lost 1,003 Horses by transit of Stock by land from and to the other States. 1,200 Horses were also shipped to other States by sea.

VI. SLAUGHTERING. Sheep and Lambs 1,089,615 (1,028,533), increase 61,082, for Export 6,974 (70,866), Cattle 143,951 (157,210), decrease 13,259, Pigs 121,939 (111,981), increase 9,958.

VII. TOP-DRESSED PASTURE LANDS. There was an increase during the year of 35,808 acres in the area top-dressed and of 1,701 tons in the manure used. The respective totals were 159,465 (123,657) acres, Manure used 9,081 (7,380) tons.

Statistical Office,
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